

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, claims 10, 12 and 29 are amended, claims 10-17, 19-26, 29 and 30 are pending and claims 1-9, 18, 27 and 28 are cancelled. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections set forth in the Office Action.

Drawings

In the Response filed January 2, 2004, applicants attached replacement formal drawings for Figures 9 and 10. In the outstanding Office Action dated March 9, 2004, the Examiner has not acknowledged that the formal drawings are accepted. Accordingly, in the next communication from the Examiner, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate that the drawings are acceptable.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 112

Claims 10-17, 19-27, 29 and 30 have been amended to overcome the outstanding rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph for indefiniteness. Following the advice of the Examiner, claims 14 and 27 have been incorporated into claim 10. Claim 1 has been amended to recite that "the absorption tower, the reheating section and the fan are arranged together on a vertical axis in the form of a stack." Claim 27 has been deleted, rendering this rejection moot. The word "claims" had been changed to "claim" in multiple dependent claims 12 and 29. Therefore, applicants maintain the rejections for indefiniteness are overcome and respectfully request their withdrawal.

Conclusion

The present application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would advance prosecution of the application, he is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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